

## **Abstract**

A hernia mesh fabric for repair of in particular inguinal or hiatus hernias comprises a base sheet (1) of layered, flexible mesh material; a passage (3) in the base sheet (1) for a body canal, in particular for the spermatic cord or the oesophagus; an insertion slit (5) between the contour (4, 9) of the base sheet (1) and the passage (3) for insertion of the body canal into the passage (3); and a sewing bridge (7) which is located in the vicinity of the mouth (6) and able to be folded down on the insertion slit (5) and, on both sides thereof, to be stitched to the mesh material of the base sheet (1).